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Applicant : Edward F. Andrewlavage, Jr.  
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For : AUTOMATED FLAT GLASS SEPARATOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97(b)(1), applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the Modified 1449 Form submitted herewith.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references on the 1449 form are not being submitted herewith since each of the references was previously cited by the Patent Office in prior application Serial No. 09/653,617 (the '617 application), filed August 31, 2000, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120. However, if for any reason, the Examiner believes it is necessary or desirable for applicant to provide copies of all or some of these references, the Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned attorney and any copies required will be provided.

Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the manual technique for separating glass panes from a moving ribbon of glass described at page 1, line 18, to page 2, line 14, of applicant's specification. This manual technique was used commercially in this country by Corning Incorporated, the assignee of this application, more than one year prior to the filing date of the '617 application.

The glass panes produced by this manual separation technique were subsequently trimmed. During this trimming, a robot arm having vacuum suction cups was used to break and then remove trimmed pieces from the main body of the pane by rotating the piece about a score line. The pane was stationary during this trimming. This automated trimming technique was

used commercially by Corning in this country more than one year prior to the filing date of the '617 application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial a copy of the Modified 1449 Form and return it to applicant to indicate consideration of the references listed thereon in connection with the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>Examiner Initial</u>		<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
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